

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 23, 2016

Planning Commission – Julia Betz

The Planning Commission has not met since the last Mayor and Town Council meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Town House.

Streetscape Report – Chip Bleam

- We have not met since the previous MTC Meeting
- Next Meeting will be held on May 25th at 7 PM at Sykesville Middle School
 - o Will be a presentation by SHA with current status
 - o Open to the public and seeking their input.

Museum Report – Stacy Link

The Colored Schoolhouse

The Colored Schoolhouse has received the Country School Association of America's Service Award for 2016! Service award winners are announced each year from nominations received from country school enthusiasts throughout North America. This award is given in honor of The Colored Schoolhouse and its curator, Pat Greenwald, who so willingly gives of her time and talents. Congratulations to Pat and a huge thank you for her passion, and dedication to the preservation of Sykesville's historical treasure. Pat has requested that the award money of \$300 be made out to the Historic Sykesville Colored Schoolhouse.

Upcoming event at the Colored Schoolhouse: Wednesday, May 25 - End of Homework Club Picnic. This is to be outdoors from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

The Gate House Museum

- Valerie has interviewed some painters and selected a favorite. It is hoped that the entire downstairs and upstairs hallways will be painted shortly.
- The Farm Museum got the Smithsonian exhibition. The Gatehouse will partner with them in some manner, but don't really have the details yet.

- Curators met with Paula Langmead over at Springfield. That went quite well and they seem very pleased about collaborating with the Gatehouse. Soon work will begin on the nature of that collaboration.
- There are 3 good, eager teenage volunteers signed on to do some regular work and probably wouldn't know what to do with any more than that.
- Jack and Valerie have almost got everything cleaned up and rearranged.
- The curators hope to upgrade the computing and creative capabilities very soon by purchasing professional museum software, some new hardware, a larger Dropbox storage capacity, and the Adobe Creative Suite.